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Docket No. 55299 (71941)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hallen, et al.

U.S.S.N.: 09/982,549

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For: Soft Tip Cannula And Methods For Use Thereof

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) months to March 20, 2002 in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed November 20, 2001.

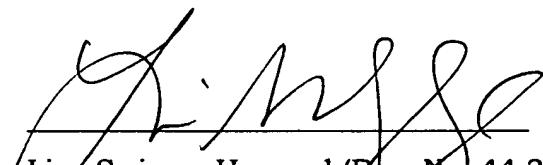
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Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required.

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